

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**301 Great Neck Road**  
**Waterford, CT 06385-3825**  
**April 28, 2022**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Stan Soby, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dierberger, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Bev Jackson, Elisa Marcoux, Betsie Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon

**Others Present:** Patricia West, John Massicotte, Chris Pierce

1. **Call to Order:** 10:35 AM
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Additions to Agenda:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were amended to correct language to say "Playground" instead of "Park". Bev motioned to approve minutes as amended. Betsie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Camp Harkness Foundation:**
  - A. **Play Group**
    - No update
  - B. **Fundraising**
    - No update
  - C. **Playground**
    - Elisa, John, Chris, Marian and Vicki met with O'Brien Group to discuss proposed Playground
    - Awaiting layout
7. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Camp Report**
    - i. **Physical Plant:**
      - John reported
      - Received another \$500,000 in bond monies for Camp Harkness
      - DEP coming today to work on marsh and phragmites
      - Painting Brown Cabins
      - Proposed installation of new gate house
      - Chris reported that tree removal is in progress
      - Resurfacing pavilion at beach
      - Pavers to go out to campsites
      - Flooring in Brown Cabins
      - Green Cabins – new roof
      - Office Building needs painting
      - New furniture from UConn
      - Purchase order for new mattresses
      - Bestie asked about sails – they have been located and can be returned; will follow up
      - MaryAnn questioned paving near Brown Cabins
      - Chris responded that two more quotes were needed
      - John suggested using a sail as a screen on Bath house on movie nights
    - ii. **Policy for Use of Camp for Fundraising:**
      - Patricia stated that Myra is looking at old policies that Vicki had in place

**iii. Camp Usage/ Events:**

- Elisa reported for April (see attached)
- Cabin users: 3
- Campers: 0
- Day visitors: 464
- Volunteers: 18

**B. DDS Updates:**

- Patricia is trying to stay afloat with number of retirements
- Posting positions

**C. Advocacy:**

- Stan reported that a budget agreement is very favorable
- Hopefully it will make it to the Governor's office
- Bestie emphasized focus on kid programming and keeping the connection

**D. Memorials:**

- Decision on placement and type of bench for Dan Steward is undecided
- Discussion to purchase brick for Rick DeMatteo

**E. Reservation System:**

- No update

**8. New Business: None**

**9. Adjournment: 11:22 AM**

**Next Meeting: May 26, 2022, TBA**

**Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary**